

*"Abiding in Christ through grace, we are gathered to grow and sent to serve."*

# Notes of Grace

Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), Brownton, Minnesota

May 2024

## May Servants

### Acolyte

- 5 Makenzie Mealey
- 12 Leyton Yerks
- 19 Ty Winterfeldt
- 26 Landon Loncorich

### Communion Assistant

Lori Lindeman

### Altar Guild

Paula Katzenmeyer & Jan Plath

### Ushers

- 5 Dave & Roxanne Wendlandt
- 12 Dean & Stephanie Loncorich,  
Gary Alsleben & Kim Bacon
- 19 Todd & Lisa Lindeman
- 26 Rick & Vicki Schlenner

### Readers

- 7 Steffie Gronlund
- 14 Yerks Family
- 21 Diana Lindeman
- 28 Keith Tongen

### Greeters

- 5 Oather Martin Jr
- 12 Jim & Shirley Lindeman
- 19 Keith & Jane Tongen
- 26 David & Sharon Carrigan

## Monthly Fundraiser for Grace Lutheran at the Brownton Bar & Grill

The 4th Tuesday of every month the Brownton Bar & Grill will give 10% of proceeds on food orders only (no alcohol) toward Grace.

You must present a ticket to have this happen.

Tickets are located at the church or you can ask for a ticket at the bar.

## Graduate Recognition

High school graduates were presented with quilts made by the Women of Grace at the church service on May 5th. This year's graduates were: River Hansch, Grace Lipke, Braxton Streich, and Riley Yerks.



Pictured above is Pastor Elizabeth with Riley Yerks, Grace Lipke, and River Hansch and their families as they received their blessing.

## Pastor's Message

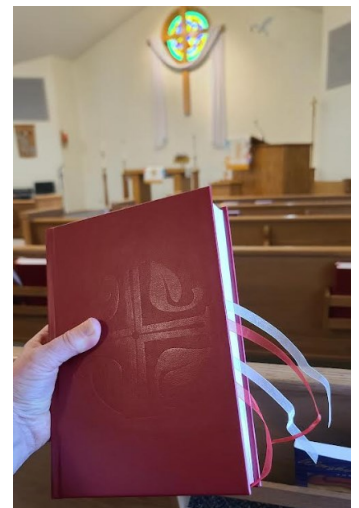
The Rev H Elizabeth Becker

Thanks to all who have given to buy a book for use in worship. The new cranberry colored Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals are now in the pews.

Like you I am finding my way from place to place one page at a time. Maybe you miss the familiarity of favorite words, phrases or songs that were easy to find because repeated use had made the pages stand out. As those who abide in Christ to grow and serve we stand out in the world when we repeatedly show up with the same faith, hope, and love day in and day out.

Thanks to Marie and Bob Harwarth for inserting ribbons in each book spine. It might look like an administrative craft project but it's a labor of love. I'm still finding my way but thanks to this helpful ribbon tool the journey is easier.

Thank you to all who have given a hymnal. May our praises glorify Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God bless you, Pastor Elizabeth



Ribbons help mark pages.

\*See page 3 for additional guidance for using the new hymnals.

## Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:00 PM

**Members present:** Pres. Ardis Waller, Sec. Lori Lindeman, Julie Olson, Gary Alsleben, Doug Karg, Jim Todd, and Pastor Elizabeth.

**Not present:** Mae Hansch, Brad Trettin, and Joyce Peterson.

Pres. Ardis Waller called the meeting to order. Pastor led with a mission prayer from the new hymnal, for the council as leadership of the church.

**Secretary Report:** submitted by Lori Lindeman

The Minutes from the March Council meeting was reviewed by the council members. There were no corrections or additions. A motion was made by Gary Alsleben to approve the minutes of the March meeting, seconded by Jim Todd. All were in favor. The secretary's report was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Julie Olson

The treasurer's report for March was reviewed. The balances as of March 31, 2024, were as follows: General Fund, \$88,358.90. Total inflows \$13,501.55, total outflows \$8,475.42. The Building Fund Saving Account total is \$38,025.40. The Memorial Fund Savings Account Balance is \$12,299.85. The General Fund CD is \$10,313.62 (Matures May 8, 2024). The Memorial Fund CD (Undesignated) is \$10,313.62 (Matures May 8, 2024). Insurance Claim CD is \$76,708.48 (Matures May 13, 2024). There were no additions or corrections to the treasurer's report.

- Discussion on the CD's: The General Fund CD and the Memorial Fund CD both Mature May 8. Currently the interest rate is 4.91% on a 6-month CD and 4.67% on a 15-month CD. At this time the church is not in need of using these funds. A motion was made by Jim Todd to renew the CD's for another 6-month. The motion was seconded by Doug Karg. All were in favor, the motion carried.
- GuideOne Insurance policy modification: we received a "Notice of Change in Policy Coverages or Terms".
- Balance in General Fund: consideration of taking out a portion of the General Fund and add to the General Fund CD. A motion was made by Jim Todd to take \$20,000.00 from the General Fund and add to the CD for the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Doug Karg. The motion carried. A motion was made by Gary Alsleben to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Doug Karg, all were in favor. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Church Calendar of activities:**

1. April 13<sup>th</sup>—Minnesota Valley Conference WELCA at Grace, 11:30 AM.
2. April 28<sup>th</sup>—Fellowship room used by Kottke family.
3. April 28<sup>th</sup>—Pastor Elizabeth is gone. Would like to move communion to April 21<sup>st</sup>.
4. Honoring Graduates—May 5 or May 19.
5. June 7-8—Synod Assembly at Gustavus College, Ilene Penk and David Pedersen attending.
6. June 30<sup>th</sup>—Pastor Elizabeth gone. Would like to move communion to June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
7. August 4<sup>th</sup>—Council will usher.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Elizabeth submitted a written report for March 2024. It includes: 1 Synod Interim Collaborative Zoom, 4 President check-ins, 1 Worship Committee meeting, 4 meetings with Vikki for Liturgy planning, 3 Wednesday worship services, 3 Wednesday Bible Studies, 3 Confirmation classes, various pastoral calls and visits.

### **Old Business:**

1. New hymnals—started to use on April, 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Sound System: installation start on April, 11<sup>th</sup>. A new iPad was purchased for use of the sound system.
3. Brownton Bar Fundraiser—start on April, 4<sup>th</sup>. On the Tuesday of each month, food only for payment toward Grace Building Fund.
4. Green hymnals—members of Grace are welcome to one of the old hymnals. Wartburg Seminary in Iowa will take.

### **New Business:**

1. New Member—Cyra Katzenmeyer will be welcomed.
2. Extended Agreement for long-term service by Pastor Elizabeth—pastor Elizabeth's Interim Contract goes until July. The council started the process of the Mutual Ministry Review. The beginning of the Mutual Ministry Review, means that Pastor Elizabeth will ask Pastor Heather to submit her materials to the call committee.

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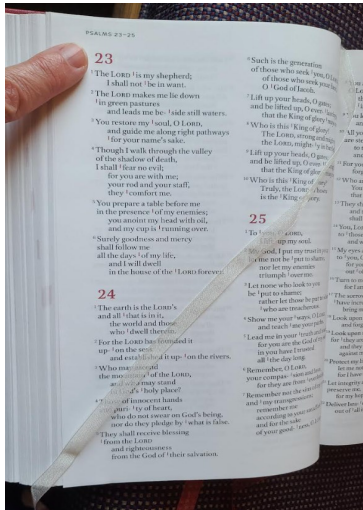
**Committee Reports:** Property and Management Committee is meeting Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>. They will also discuss the need for a new vacuum cleaner for the church.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by pres. Ardis Waller to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Todd, motion carried. We closed with **The Lord's Prayer**

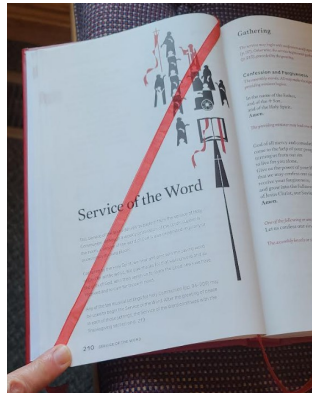
Next meeting date: May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.  
Council Secretary, Lori Lindeman

### Using the Cranberry Hymnals

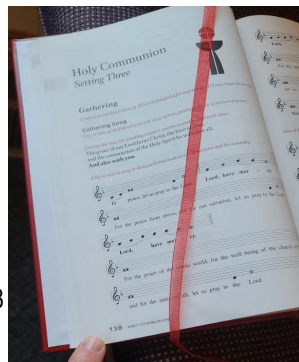
Below is a little guidance for how to use new hymnals.



Above: Psalm numbers are found in top corners



Above: The Service of the Word begins on page 210



Right: Holy Communion Setting Three begins on page 138

### Women of Grace

The Women's group prepared Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief as a mission project.

These kits were taken to the Southwest Minnesota Synod Spring Convention that was held in Redwood Falls on May 4, 2024.

We had a few women of Grace that were in attendance at the Convention.



### 2024 Bible Camp Scholarships Available!



If you are attending a bible camp this summer, contact the Women's Group treasurer Shirley Lindeman at 320-510-5078 about receiving a scholarship for 2024 campers!

### Common Cup Ministry 2024 Spring Coat Drive April – May 24

Seeking new or gently used:

- Coats (sizes newborn - 16/18 youth, men/women XL and up, no wool coats please)
- Snow pants
- Waterproof mittens/gloves
- Boots

Bright green donation boxes can be found at 1) Area churches 2) Hutchinson Schools 3) Common Cup Office 105 2nd Ave (please place in Garden style container in front of the Common Cup office if after hours) Please call 320-587-2213 with any questions. Thank you!!!

Grace does have a collection box located in the Narthex.

On the next page shows additional ways our member can support Common Cup.



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## Ways Grace Lutheran Can Support Common Cup

### **PoPP program shopping list:** (Please provide full size products):

- Shampoo and conditioner (men's and women's-15 oz bottle)
- Bar soap, body wash and hand soap
- Deodorants and body spray (men's and women's)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental floss
- Maxi-pads and tampons
- Hair brushes, combs, hair picks and hair ties
- Ethnic hair products (these are harder to find and of course more expensive)
- Lip balms

### **Backpack program shopping List**

- Small boxes of cereal
- Fruit cups/applesauce cups
- Hot chocolate packets
- 100% juice boxes
- Pudding cups
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Kraft Easy Mac packets
- Granola bars
- "Jif to Go" small peanut butters
- Chef Boyardee cups
- Carnation Instant Breakfasts
- Small boxes of raisins

### **Diaper Donation (Volunteer opportunities available with this program as well)**

Collection of any type of diapers are accepted. High need for the following are:

- Size 4 and up
- Pull Ups
- Adult diapers

### **Laundry Love Quarter Donation**

Collection of quarters to help pay for Laundry Love washes at the Hutchinson and Glencoe sites.

### **Coat Collection (Volunteer opportunities available with this program as well)**

This will occur in Spring with distribution mid-October

### **School Supply Drive (Volunteer opportunities available with this program as well)**

Collection will take place over the summer with a mid-August distribution

### **Volunteer at Thrift Shop, as an Instant Angel, or help with the NAPS program**

Work a shift at the thrift shop at the register, in receiving, pricing and display goods. Or be an angel helping with odd jobs on an on-call basis. Or Distribute NAPS boxes out of the Common Cup office once a month.

**Call Common Cup at 320-587-2213 or look for donation bin in the Church's lobby.**

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:30pm Bible Study 4pm Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:45am Worship with Communion Honoring Graduates 10am Last Day of Sunday School	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30am Bible Study 4pm Last Day of Confirmation 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:45am Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:45am Worship with Communion	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:45am Worship with Communion	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b> Grace Fundraiser at Brownton Bar & Grill	<b>29</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	